

D-668  
Webster Blake House  
East New Market  
private

c. 1880

The Webster Blake house is a prominent two-and-a-half story, center hall frame dwelling that marks the south end of the East New Market historic district. The three-bay frame house boasts a projecting center pavilion that is highlighted by decorative sawnwork and round arched windows. The gable ends are extended slightly by single-story bay windows, and the eave of the house are trimmed with sawnwork. The estimated date of construction is based on the late nineteenth-century architectural features as well as the fact that the dwelling does not appear on the 1877 town map.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## State Historic Sites Inventory Form

### 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common WEBSTER BLAKE HOUSE

### 2. Location

street & number South Main Street ☐ not for publicationcity, town East New Market ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Dorchester

### 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

### 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Webster Blake

street &amp; number South Main Street telephone no.:

city, town East New Market state and zip code MD 21631

### 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Dorchester County Clerk of Court liber

street &amp; number Dorchester County Courthouse folio

city, town Cambridge state Md 21613

### 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

## 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Webster Blake house stands at the south end of South Main Street in East New Market, Dorchester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story frame house faces east with the main gable oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1880, the center hall/single-pile frame dwelling is supported by an in-filled brick pier foundation and is sheathed with a layer of asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered by a layer of asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay service wing.

The east (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation that boasts a projecting center pavilion. The glazed front door is framed by three-pane sidelights and a four-pane transom. The entrance bay is sheltered by a single-bay porch. Lighting the second floor of the pavilion is an arched four-over-four sash window, and the upper gable is distinguished by an arch attic light as well as decorative sawnwork. Four-over-four sash windows fill the first and second story bays to each side of the pavilion.

The north and south gable ends are largely alike with a single-story three-sided bay window marking the first floor. The second floor is lighted by four-over-four sash windows, and the attic is illuminated by an arched four-over-four sash light. The gable end eaves are trimmed with sawnwork as well.

The west side is partially covered by the two-story, two-bay service wing. A single-story shed porch stretches across the south side, and an interior end brick stack protrudes through the gable end. Each side is pierced by four-over-four sash windows.

The interior was unseen.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

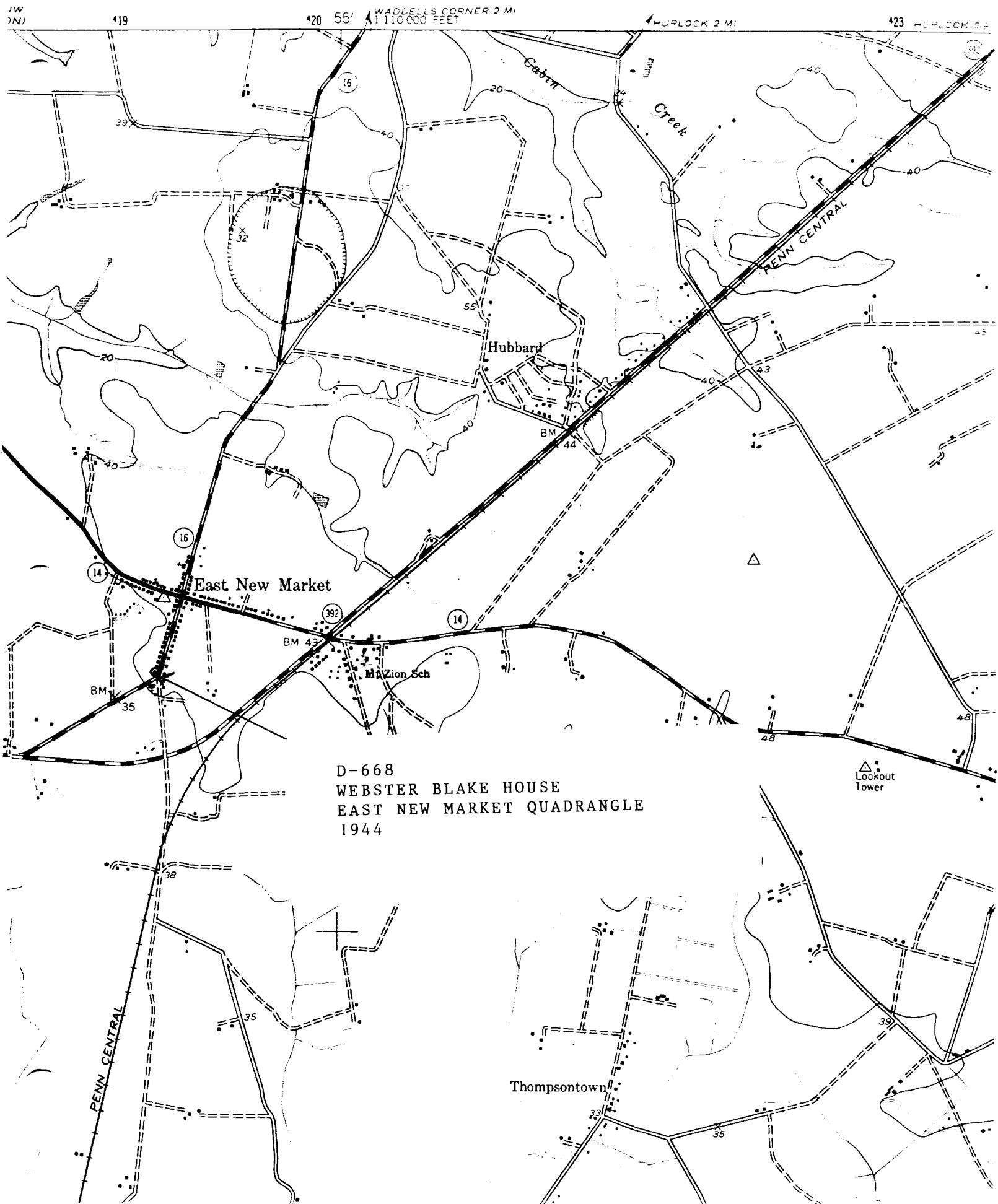
Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Webster Blake house is a prominent two-and-a-half story frame dwelling that marks the south end of the East New Market historic district. Built after the publication of the 1877 town map, the center hall/single-pile dwelling is distinguished by a projecting center pavilion and decorative sawnwork in the eaves. Also adding interest are the round arched attic windows.



EAST NEW MARKET QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND  
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)



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EAST NEW MARKET QUADRANGLE  
1944



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WEBSTER BLAKE HOUSE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

East elevation

12/87 Paul Touart photographer

Negative/MD Historical Trust





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WEBSTER BLAKE HOUSE

East New Market, Dorchester Co., MD

Southeast elevation

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